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LOK SABHA

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CHILD ABUSE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether child sex abuse in our country is frightening and increased day by day in the country;

(b) if so, whether the child sex abuse comes under the category of rape or outrage of modesty; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to form a legal expert committee along with NGO's who deals with the child sex abuse?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) A large number of incidents of child sex abuse are being reported in the country. There is a rising trend in child abuse cases which is reflected in the number of child rape cases as informed by National Crime Records Bureau. The total number of child rape cases reported in the country during 2001, 2002 and 2003 are 2113, 2532 and 2949. Such cases are covered under different sections of India Penal Code.

(c) Efforts are being made by the Government to strictly implement the relevant laws and to review the existing laws for amendment in consultation with NGOs, if required.